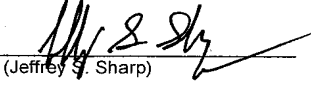


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2009, in which all pending claims (1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 16, 18 and 20-22) stand rejected under one or more of 35 USC §§ 112 (first and second paragraphs) and 102(b). New claims 23 and 24 directed to methods of therapeutic treatment were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.